

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
ARIZONA STATE SCHOOLS FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND**

**UNCONFIRMED BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**February 10, 2011**

**ASDB Phoenix Campus, Phoenix Day School for the Deaf in the  
Multi-Purpose Room of the HS/MS Building, 7654 N. 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona**

**I. Call to Order and Roll Call**

Board President Sherri Collins called the meeting to order at approximately 4:06 p.m.

Members Present: Sherri Collins, Kacey Gregson, Jodi Jerich, Bernhardt Jones, Orlenda Roberts

Members Present by Speakerphone: Raymond Mungaray, Clifford Rowley

Members Absent: Michael Williams

Others Present: Superintendent Robert Hill

**II. President's Report**

Highlights: Sherri Collins spoke to Newborn hearing screening, public comment on agenda items at Board meetings, and public comment on non-agenda items via Board email link on ASDB website.

**III. Election of Board Officers for Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action**

Board President Collins called for nominations for the office of Board President.

***It was moved by Ray Mungaray, seconded by Orlenda Roberts, and unanimously carried, that the Board of Directors elect Bernhardt Jones as Board President.***

Board President Collins turned the meeting over to President Elect Bernhardt Jones.

***It was moved by Orlenda Roberts, seconded by Kacey Gregson, and unanimously carried, that the Board of Directors elect Sherri Collins as Board Secretary/Treasurer.***

**IV. Public Comment on Agenda Items\*\***

Ms. Becca Bailey spoke as a parent of a middle school student at PDS in support of the issuance of two employment contracts.

Christy Albert spoke as a parent of an elementary school student at PDS in non-support of two employment contracts.

**V. Business Agenda Items for Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action**

A. Post-Termination Appeal in the Matter of Sandra Gray vs. ASDB for Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action

***It was moved by Ray Mungaray, seconded by Orlenda Roberts, and unanimously carried that the Board of Directors upholds the termination of Ms. Sandra Gray effected by the Superintendent on February 5, 2010.***

Mr. Hill spoke to the issue.

Discussion Highlights: The Office of Administration upheld the termination upon hearing the matter.

- B. Superintendent's Intent to Issue/Not Issue Employment Contracts for Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action

***It was moved by Ray Mungaray, seconded by Kacey Gregson, and carried by a vote of six in favor and one abstention (Jody Jerich), that the Board of Directors approve the issuance of a notice of intent to offer FY 2012 employment contracts to the personnel on List A and a notice of intent to not offer FY 2012 employment contracts to the personnel on List B.***

LIST A - RECOMMENDED FOR FY 2012 EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS

|     | NAME              | TITLE                                |
|-----|-------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1.  | Vacant            | Director of Student Support Services |
| 2.  | Amann, Nancy      | Principal-ASD                        |
| 3.  | Benson, Pia       | Regional Director-SER                |
| 4.  | Vacant            | Assistant Superintendent             |
| 5.  | Krahe, Jane       | Regional Director -NCR               |
| 6.  | McKie, John       | Director of Information Technology   |
| 7.  | Murphy, Maria     | Director of Human Resources          |
| 8.  | Pritchard, Terry  | Program Director, Operations         |
| 9.  | Walls, Wemme      | Regional Director-SWR                |
| 10. | Svenningsen, Lisa | Principal-PDSD                       |
| 11. | Ace, Samuel       | Principal-ASB                        |
| 12. | Goetze, Janice    | Regional Director - DVR              |
| 13. | Vacant            | Regional Director – EHR              |

LIST B - RECOMMENDED FOR FY 2012 EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS

None.

Sherri Collins, Jody Jerich, Orlenda Roberts, Bernhardt Jones, Kacey Gregson, Ray Mungaray and Robert Hill spoke to the issue.

Discussion Highlights: Process of recommending and not recommending contracts.

- C. Approval of State Land Right-of-Way Application #14-112934 for Consideration and Possible Action

Bernhardt Jones, Jodi Jerich, and Robert Hill spoke to the issue.

Discussion Highlights: Boards desire to receive estimate of land value prior to action on this item.

- D. First Reading of Section G Policy Revisions for Discussion Only  
GCC, Prof/Support Staff Absent Without Approved Leave  
GCCB, Prof/Support Staff Personal/Emergency/Religious Leave  
GCCD, Prof/Support Staff Military/Legal Leave  
GCCE, Prof/Support Staff Conferences/Visitations Workshops

First reading only. No action necessary.

VI. Consent Agenda for Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action

- A. Confirmation of December 2, 2010 Board Meeting Minutes

***It was moved by Cliff Rowley, seconded by Ray Mungaray, and unanimously carried that the Board of Directors approve the confirmation of December 2, 2010 Board Meeting Minutes.***

- B. Approval of Contracts and/or Agreements with Camelback Academy, Wieck Chamber Orchestra, Basis School, Time To Dance, Diamond-n-the Rough Christian Entertainment, Chamber Music Plus, In Concert, Tucson Community Music School, Lonely Street Productions, Danswest Dance Productions, QTANGO, Invisible Theater, Arizona Dept. of Insurance, Amy Pierce, Lara Metcalf, Special Olympics, The Christian Fellowship, and White River School District.

***It was moved by Ray Mungaray, seconded by Orlenda Roberts, and unanimously carried that the Board of Directors approves entering into the contracts/agreements with Camelback Academy, Wieck Chamber Orchestra, Basis School, Time To Dance, Diamond-n-the Rough Christian Entertainment, Chamber Music Plus, In Concert, Tucson Community Music School, Lonely Street Productions, Danswest Dance Productions, QTANGO, Invisible Theater, Arizona Dept. of Insurance, Amy Pierce, Lara Metcalf, Special Olympics, The Christian Fellowship, and White River School District.***

- C. Approval of Donations from Purple Communications, Vantage West Credit Union, Landsburg Foundation, Dr. Lewis & Ruth Hare-Lerman Charitable Foundation, Prescott Sunrise Lions Foundation, and Sandra P. Acuna.

***It was moved by Ray Mungaray, seconded by Sherri Collins seconded, and unanimously carried that the Board of Directors approve acceptance of donations from Purple Communications, Vantage West Credit Union, Landsburg Foundation, Dr. Lewis & Ruth Hare-Lerman Charitable Foundation, Prescott Sunrise Lions Foundation, and Sandra P. Acuna.***

Sherri Collins, Jodi Jerich, Robert Hill and Nancy Amann spoke to the issue.

Discussion Highlights: Donations listed are separate donations and not for one item or purpose; replacement of video relay equipment.

D. Approval of Student Out-of-State Travel and Fundraising Projects for SY 2010-2011

***It was moved by Jodi Jerich, seconded by Ray Mungaray, and unanimously carried that the Board of Directors approve the Out-of-State Travel and Fundraising Projects for SY 2010-2011 as recommended by the Superintendent.***

VII. Superintendent's Report for Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action

A. Summary of Current Events

Discussion Highlights: Robert Hill highlighted upcoming events, i.e., ASDB will be hosting the National Math Round Table, ASL Round Table, CEASD National Conference and the ASDC National conference within the next two years; ASDB Students performing the National Anthem at the Diamondback/Cub game in May of this year; and the many events being scheduled for ASDB's and the State's 100 Year Anniversary throughout 2012.

Robert Hill expressed his gratitude to Board Member Jodi Jerich for her assistance in providing an invaluable resource at Southwest Gas during the shortage last week in Tucson. Tucson staff took precautionary measures for Tucson campus students though ASDB was not ultimately affected. Southwest Gas now has ASDB on an emergency listing if a shortage should happen again.

B. Assistant Superintendent's Report

Discussion Highlights: Nancy Amann noted many events and accomplishments of the site based schools, including but not limited to, handling of student questions and feelings concerning the January 8<sup>th</sup> shootings in Tucson; ASB's participation in the National Braille Readers are Leaders contest and the Braille Challenge; ASB teachers attending professional development sessions on Braille as the literacy medium for students; other ASB events/projects such as the Art Shed Partnership with Tanque Verde High School artists, *Stories That Soar* performances of student's writings, and teacher participation in the National Math Conference and a Math Summit at the Indiana School for the Blind; Tucson's athlete's participation in goal ball and basketball events; ASD's participation in the Optimist Club's Communication Contest for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing; student participation in the Western Academic Bowl League via videophone with students in Arizona, California, Colorado, New Mexico and Texas. Preschool program in Tucson has received three grants.

PDSD students have been participating or will be participating in the ASL Golf Camp, the Big Mouth character education workshop, Academic Bowl and the Movement Source dance company will be coming to PSDS to participate with the 8<sup>th</sup> grade PE class. PSDS will host the 2011 Battle of the Books which includes five other schools for the deaf. High School classes have been involved in a 'Corner Market'; CBI students working in a variety of jobs throughout the day on campus;

Upcoming events include a Book Festival, the Annual Sertoma Run, Cultural Arts Festival and Heritage Day.

- C. Fiscal Year 2011 Second Quarter Personnel Transaction Reports
- D. Financial Update
- E. Legislative Update - HB 2235 and A.R.S. 41-3013.03

Robert Hill, Orlenda Roberts, Bernhardt Jones, Sherri Collins, and Jodi Jerich spoke to the issue.

Discussion Highlights: Prop 202, School Finance, HB status, Sunset Audit and scheduling, JLBC meetings and recommendations, current enrollment, the preschool programs, technology in public schools, Cooperative funds and cash flow.

VIII. Adjournment

**It was moved by Ray Mungaray, seconded by Orlenda Roberts, and unanimously carried that the Board of Directors adjourn the meeting.**

Bernhardt Jones closed the meeting by thanking the Board for the opportunity to serve as President.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:45p.m.